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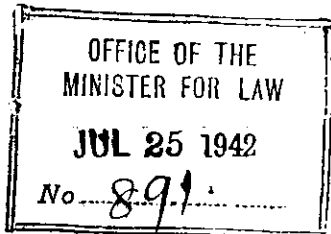
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SUBJECT.

Fire-fighting arrangements in
Central Government buildings in
threatened areas.

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From The Anglo Indian Hotel at Koot
F. 78(5)-40/W 3 8th July 42 from
Labour Dept. Memorandum 5 5th July 42
for information.

The Labour Dept. Memorandum 31st March
has not been received in this office or in the Reg.
The Defence Co-ordination Dept. letter 5 9th March 42
is an acknowledgment of Reg. letter 5 24th March 42.
Subs for personal and orders as to the order
to be taken in the matter.

Kind reference is directed to
the circular issued approving
for the steps of Government
to join A. R. P. services.

The decision may
be referred to the
communication report in
the 2nd 2nd March letter

Chief Secy. Y.S. minute 24th March
for personal
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Said with a letter to Reg.

In 25/7
Issue PA-2045 25th July 42 to the Reg.
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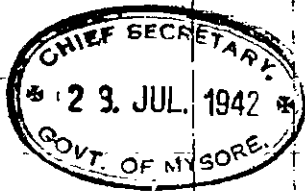
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buildings in threatened areas

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From The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

F. 78(5)-40W 2 13th Aug. 42

For the Board of Revenue 31st March 42.

Subd for perusal. The present
enclosure refers to some previous Memoranda
on a subject which has not been received by
or in the Reg. office.

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This may perhaps be
sent to the Chief Engineer
of the Reg. office.

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Chief Secy

Law Secy

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Send with letter to E. G. P. & C. E.

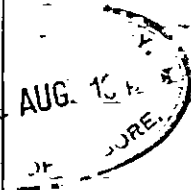
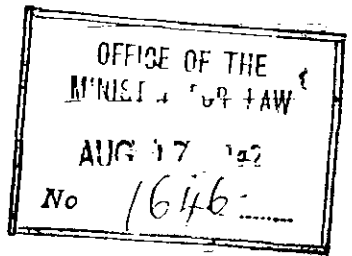
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THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,
Dated Bangalore the 8th July 1942.

No.F.78(5)-40/W. (Gene one)

A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded with compliments to the Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore, for information and such action as may be considered necessary, with reference to letter from this Residency

No.F.62/1941, dated the 24th March 1942.

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By order, etc.,

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CHIEF
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GOVT OF MYSORE

M. S. Anwar Khan
for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT

Office Memorandum from the Government of India,
Labour Department. No. A.R.P.I-4, dated the 5th June
1942

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Copy of Office Memorandum from the Government of India, Labour Department, No.A.R.P.I-4, dated the 5th June 1942.

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not recd pl || The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's memoranda regarding fire-fighting measures in Central Government buildings in immediately threatened towns, and in particular to memorandum No.G107(ARP) dated the 31st March 1942. Appeals hitherto made for volunteers for fire-fighting Services have not provided a sufficient number of volunteers. Departments are therefore requested to impress on all Heads of their offices in immediately threatened towns that Government regard it as an essential part of the duties of officers to provide satisfactory air raid services for the offices in which they work. They are also requested to require each head of the office to detail suitable persons from among his staff to provide the necessary services by day and night required to meet the standards laid down for the building in accordance with this Department's memoranda to the Chief Engineer, Central Public Works Department. It is not known how far Departments have drawn the attention of the Heads of their offices in those towns to the Defence Co-ordination Department's letter No.1284-SM/42, dated the 9th March 1942. It is however, suggested that that letter be brought to their notice. Government are reluctant to take legal powers, but will be compelled to do so if the present unsatisfactory situation continues.

*Enc to
J. L. T.
hicks file* ||

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25th July 1942.

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The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in
Mysore.

I am directed to request that a copy of the Government of India, Labour Department Office Memorandum No.G107(ARP) dated the 31st March 1942 referred to in the enclosure sent with your endorsement No.F. 78(5)-40/W dated the 8th July 1942, may kindly be sent very early, as it has not been received in this office.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,


For Chief Secretary to Government.



The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

Confidential.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY

TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Bangalore.

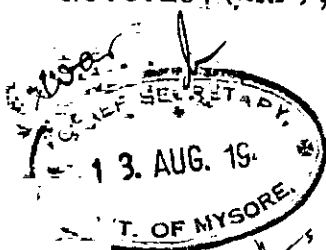
Dated Bangalore, the 13th August 1942.

Fire-fighting arrangements in Central
Government buildings in threatened
areas.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.Pol.204/W
dated the 25th July 1942, and to forward a copy of the
Government of India, Labour Department's Memorandum
No.G.107(ARP), dated the 31st March 1942.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,



W. G. S. Srinivasan
for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT

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Copy of memorandum No.G107(ARP).., dated the 31st March 1942, from Government of India, Department of Labour, to the all Departments of the Government of India, etc., etc.

(L) The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's
1.No.G.107(ARP) dated 6.2.'42 } three Memoranda noted in the margin,
2.No.G.107(ARP) dated 6.3.'42 } addressed to the Chief Engineer with
3.No.G.107(ARP) dated 14.3.'42 } copies to all Departments etc.,
regarding the provision of fire-fighting parties by day and by night in Central Government buildings in certain immediately threatened towns. It appears that owing to the absence of volunteers for fire-fighting duties the arrangements contemplated in those Memoranda are not working satisfactorily.

2. The primary responsibility for ensuring fire-fighting arrangements in these buildings rests with the Executive Engineer, but it will be appreciated that it is impossible for him to make adequate provision without full cooperation from the Heads of the offices concerned, and that volunteers for fire-fighting duties are not likely to come forward unless Heads of offices and Officers take not merely an interest but an active part in the arrangements. Under the present arrangements stirrup-pump units manned by volunteers from the offices concerned are required to be on duty throughout the twenty-four hours. It is now considered that besides the fire-fighting squads Officers themselves must sleep in their offices by roster and that the following scheme should be put into effect in all offices in Calcutta, Madras, Vizagapatam, Cocanada and Chittagong.

A - Where offices are entirely in charge of one Department.

(1) The Head of the office will prepare a roster from Officers and, if Officers are insufficient, from Superintendents and Assistants whereby one Officer will sleep in the office by night.

(2) The Head of the Office will arrange a roster of fire-parties in consultation with the Executive Engineer.

B - Where offices contain more than one Department.

(1) The Executive Engineer will divide up the roster between Departments.

(2) Then each Department will be responsible as in A above for its own roster.

Non-gazetted Officers will be entitled to the subsistence allowance laid down in this Department's memorandum No.G.107 (ARP) dated the 14th March 1942.

Officers who sleep in the office by night will be required to attend office on the following day.

3. In normal times it is recognised that it is not in the interests of efficient administration to interfere unduly with Officers outside office hours, but in time of war it will be appreciated that Government must make abnormal demands on their Officers. Government have no doubt that Officers will readily respond to this work, but should it become necessary, they will have no hesitation in using compulsory powers.

4. Departments are, therefore, requested to issue the instructions laid down in this memorandum to their attached and subordinate offices in Calcutta, Madras, Vizagapatam, Chittagong and Cocanada without delay.

MD 1243-4/W. Encl one

21st August 1942.

-W54-42-4.

To :

J. G. P.

Chief Engineer of Hydrabad—

I am directed to forward for your information a copy of Memorandum No.G.107(ARP) dated the 31st March 1942 from the Government of India, Department of Labour, regarding the provision of fire-fighting parties by day and by night in Government buildings in certain immediately threatened towns.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



For Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of Memorandum No.G.107(ARP) dated the 31st March 1942,
from the Govt.of India, Dept.of Labour, to the all Depts.of the
Govt. of India, etc., etc. - - - -

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